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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) FY 2009 <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		Docket Number 025416-00024
Application Number 10/559,531		Filed December 2, 2005
For NITRIDING METHOD AND DEVICE		
Group Art Unit 1793	Examiner Weiping ZHU	Confirmation Number 2704

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Signature 	Date February 26, 2009
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